

Release and Indemnification Agreement

I/We, being the owners of the property located at

(Business Name) _____

of New Bedford, MA request and authorize the City of New Bedford, its agents, employees, officials and contractors hired by it to remove graffiti from the building situated on said property.

In consideration of the aforementioned service, I/we do hereby release and agree to hold harmless the City of New Bedford, its agents, employees, officials and contractors hired by it from and all claims, liability, loss or damage which may arise from said service.

I/We further hereby agree to indemnify and defend the City of New Bedford, its agents, employees, officials and contractors hired by it against all claims for damages or compensation, including attorney's fees, that the City of New Bedford, its agents, employees, officials or contractors hired by it may have to pay if any claims arise as a result of said services.

Signature of Owner(s)

Additional Information

The following links provide information for property owners on removing graffiti from various surfaces such as brick and granite. Information is also provided on how to reduce the chance of future graffiti on your property.

- ☐ The National Park Service, Department of the Interior
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief38.htm>
- ☐ National Crime Prevention Council
<http://www.ncpc.org/teens/graffiti.php>
- ☐ Graffiti Hurts
<http://www.graffitihurts.org/>

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD



GRAFFITI REMOVAL GUIDE & REMOVAL REQUEST FORM

Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

*Prepared by the
City of New Bedford Office of Planning*

Introduction

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell is committed to removing graffiti from our city, but we need your assistance. The following information is provided for you as we work together in this initiative to permanently remove graffiti from every neighborhood in our City.

Reporting Graffiti

To report graffiti on any public or private building, street signs, overpasses, etc., please contact **John Lobo, of the Department of Community Services, at 508-979-1692 or by email at john.lobo@newbedford-ma.gov.**

If you are a business or homeowner, you may also directly contact the **Bristol County Sheriff's Office at 508-995-6400** and inform them that you have graffiti you would like removed from your premises and that you wish to be added to their list.

NOTE: Removing graffiti from public buildings, such as schools and community centers, is the priority of the City of New Bedford and the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. We are willing to assist business and homeowners as time and funding allows. We are asking for the assistance of business and homeowners to take responsibility for their properties and maintain them appropriately.

Tips for Reporting Graffiti

- ☐ Document graffiti with a photo or writing a brief description of the graffiti. Be sure to include the address or location and date.
- ☐ Report graffiti to the police and give them the photo and information. This provides the police with valuable information, allowing them to target problem areas.
- ☐ If you do not wish to contact the police, you may send the information by mail or email to, John Lobo, and he will forward it to the appropriate authority.

Tips for Removing Graffiti

- ☐ Identify the surface type and the substance to be removed.
- ☐ Select the appropriate removal method.
- ☐ Remove graffiti immediately; this sends the message that graffiti will not be tolerated and that future graffiti will not last.
- ☐ Apply a protective coating or paint to make removing graffiti easier.

Questions: call John Lobo, Department of Community Services at **508-979-1692**.

Completed forms may be mailed to:

City of New Bedford
Dept. of Community Services
C/o John Lobo
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

or emailed to:

john.lobo@newbedford-ma.gov

Request for Graffiti Removal

Date _____

Owner(s) Name _____

Owner(s) Address _____

Owner(s) Telephone # _____

Location of Graffiti _____

Estimated size of area defaced _____

Circle type of surface material:

Wood Metal Brick

Concrete Glass

Other (explain) _____

(Complete Both Sides, Sign & Return)